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A letter to BNFT readers from Jay

For those of you that did not know, I majored in Marine Biology at the University of South Carolina, and was at one time quite an accomplished scuba diver, and loved to snorkel in my spare time.

One year several of us went snow skiing at Sugar Mountain, NC. I was sitting around the fire, relaxing and drinking several warm mugs of cognac one evening when I looked out the window of our chalet; I thought I saw a fish jump. Believing that it may have been the elusive white snow trout, I went out to my truck and got my snorkeling gear that was always stored in the back. After much searching I was forced to admit that

it was unlikely that I would be able to catch this magnificent creature. I guess that is why they are called elusive.

Through the years I have often encountered people that did not believe in white snow trout, and also thought it impossible to snorkel in the snow. Luckily some of my friends got the evidence on film. You can see from the white snow trout tracks right above me that I did come fairly close to making something of a name for myself in the scientific community by actually catching one of these legendary animals.

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National Tartan Day April 6 and April is National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month!

HUNTERSVILLE, NC: April is a month for celebration. The Catawba Valley Scottish Society and Rural Hill, Center of Scottish Heritage, invite everyone to celebrate National Tartan Day April 6 and April as National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month. Also in celebration, the 17th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games are set for April 17–18, 2010. Complete details, schedules and advance tickets are available online at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

A national holiday for all Scottish Americans, **National Tartan Day is April 6, 2010**. The volunteers of Rural Hill and the Catawba Valley Scottish Society invite you to wear your tartan to celebrate. In



The North Carolina Tartan

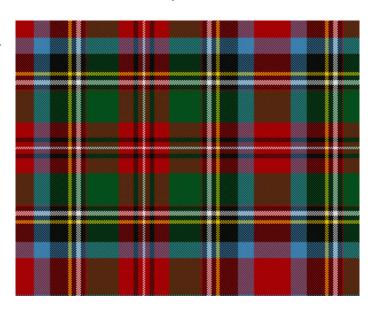
May the joys and renewals of Easter remain with you and yours all year through.

Tartan Day April 6, continued from page 1

1981, a Carolinas Tartan was designed by the Scottish Tartan Society and was adopted as the official tartan of the Catawba Valley Scottish Society.

National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month honors those of Scots/Scots-Irish ancestry and recognizes their contributions in America's history and its success. Of the original thirteen governors of the American Colonies, nine were Scots/Scots-Irish. Of the fifty-

six signers of the Declaration of Independence, almost half were of Scots/Scots-Irish descent. From the framers of the Declaration of Independence to the first man on the moon. Scottish-Americans have contributed mightily to the fields of the arts, science, politics, law, and more. Today, over eleven million Americans claim Scots and Scots-Irish roots,



making them the eighth largest ethnic group in the United States. These are the people and accomplishments that are honored through the month of April and on National Tartan Day. April 6 has a special significance for Americans of Scottish descent because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document.

In addition to national recognition, the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed April 6 as Tartan Day and April as Scottish Heritage Month in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. There are many signs of those early Scottish settlers still found in the metropolitan Charlotte area. The flag of the City of Charlotte is the St. Andrew's Cross, the flag of Scotland, with the City of Charlotte's seal in the center. The most notable historic parallel is the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Although not signed until May 20, 1775, the influence and independent spirit of those

Scottish Barons set an example that reverberated across the centuries.

SAVE THE DATES IN APRIL! The 17th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games are set for April 17–18, 2010. With professional Scottish heavy athletic competition, amateur heavy athletics, international as well as regional

music talents in Celtic rock, traditional and contemporary Celtic music, piping and drumming, highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, harp and fiddle competitions, children's activities, open hearth cooking demonstrations at our 1760's homestead site and our famous historic encampment, the weekend will be fun for the entire family. Proceeds support the preservation of Rural

Hill. Complete details, schedules and advance tickets are available online at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

Rural Hill is located at 4431 Neck Road (off Beatties Ford Road) in Huntersville, 28078. The former homestead of Major John and Violet Davidson, the 265 acre site is maintained and promoted by The Catawba Valley Scottish Society (CVSS). Rural Hill features annual events such as the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, the Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze and the Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials. Education programs and tours are available throughout the year. CVSS is a non-profit organization supported through membership and donations, and with proceeds from its events utilized for the preservation of historic Rural Hill and its education efforts. For more information on events or for financial support accepted securely online, please visit www.ruralhill.net.

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Flowers of the Forest

Roger Atkinson McDuffie, Jr., Roger McDuffie's valiant heart stopped beating on March 16, 2010, at Regional Hospice House after a ten-year battle with the side effects of radiation and chemotherapy.

Born in Greensboro, NC, on June 6, 1928, he was the only child of Roger Atkinson McDuffie and Lena Kernodle McDuffie.

Roger was a fortunate man in that his profession and avocation were the same. He loved to practice, perform, compose, arrange, study, and teach all forms of music, from the earliest to the most modern.

Roger graduated from Greensboro Senior High School ('45) and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill ('49) where his life-long interest in music began to flourish. He then was in

Air Force music for nearly four years, after which he went back to UNC to complete a Master's Degree in Music Composition and to Florida State University for a Doctor of Music Degree in Composition, also serving as a student assistant and then instructor.

While at UNC, FSU, in the Air Force and thereafter, Roger was also an enthusiastic and prolific trumpet player in many big bands and other jazz ensembles.

In 1961 he married Sonia Carolyn Bergan, whom he had met at UNC. They settled in Spartanburg, S.C., where after 33 fulfilling years at Converse College he retired as Professor of Composition, Music Theory, and Brass Instruments in 1993. Roger continued to arrange music, particularly Renaissance and Baroque choral music for brass, and charts for big bands until the last few months of his life, while also enthusiastically pursu-

ing his second passion, landscaping.

He belonged to numerous professional organizations for composers and trumpet players.

Roger is survived by his loving wife Sonia, son David and wife Divya of New York City, and twin daughters: Margaret McDuffie, granddaughters Rebecca Chapman and Caroline Chapman of Lexington KY; and Carolyn McDuffie Anderson and son-

in-law Jim, grands on James and grand - daughter Charlotte of New York City.

He is also survived by brother-inlaw Peter Bergan of El Cajon, CA, four nieces and



nephews, and four grand nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Roger's life was held on Friday, March 19, at the Episcopal Church of the Advent.

Colleagues, former students, and fellow musicians were invited to serve as the Honorary Escort for Dr. McDuffie.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial gifts be made to the Roger McDuffie Faculty Excellence Fund for the School of Music at Converse College, 560 East Main Street, 29302; or the Church of the Advent Music Fund, 161 Advent Street, 29302.

The family wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the extraordinary care given to their beloved husband, father, and grandfather by his doctors, and by the staff of Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and Regional Hospice House in Spartanburg.

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Greensboro, NC Scots celebrate!

You're invited!

Our Tartan Day, Scots-Irish Heritage Month is scheduled for April 10, 2010 at the Greensboro Museum with set up at 10 AM and the celebration to begin at 11 AM and continue to 2 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Clan representatives are needed to set up display tables for your own Clan. We need tartans, displays, bagpipers, finger foods and snacks...and YOU.

The Proclamation for National Scots-Irish Heritage Month will be available for you to see...and it will be read during the day.

Panera Bread is providing some refreshments too.
Please remember the Triad Highland Games are coming up. For information, contact Ann Jackson < a j a c k s o n @ t r i a d . r r . c o m >



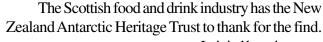
Shackleton's whisky on ice...for 100 + years

Scotland's food and drink industry is celebrating a very rare find - five crates of Scotch whisky and

brandy that have spent more than 100 years buried in the Antarctic ice. They were part of provisions belonging to explorer Ernest Shackleton and were stored beneath his Antactic hut, which was built in 1908 for a failed South Pole expedition.

The crates were first discovered three years ago and their removal from the ice is causing great excitement amongst drink production firms in Scotland.

Richard Paterson is master blender at the whicky company Whyte and Mackay who supplied the Mackinlay's whisky for Shackleton. He said the find is a "gift" from the heavens" for whisky lovers. "If the contents can be confirmed, safely extracted and analyzed, the original blend may be able to be replicated. Given the original recipe no longer exists, this may open a door into history."





Initially, it was thought that there were only two crates. Al Fastier from the Trust said, "To our amazement, we found five crates, three labeled as containing whisky and two labeled as containing brandy. The unexpected find of the brandy crtes, one

labeled Chas Mackinlay & Co and the other labeled The Hunter Valley Distillery Limited, Allandale, is a real bonus."

Since liquid could be heard when the crates were found there's confidence that the crates contain intact alcohol. The smell of whisky in the surrounding ice also indicated full bottles of spirits were inside, although

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2010 National Tartan Day award goes to Dr. Philip D. Smith, Ph.D.

Philip D. Smith, Ph.D., is recipient of the National Tartan Day Award for 2010. The presentation will be made at a reception and dinner at the Broyhill Center, Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, in July at the time of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Regarding the choice of Dr. Smith, the following comments were made by Robert W. Murdoch, National Tartan Day Chairman: "In selecting Dr. Smith as the recipient of the Tartan Day Award for 2010, the

Executive Council of The Scottish Coalition USA has named a world-renowned expert on the tartan. Of the many symbols associated with Scotland, one of the most prominent, if not the most prominent, is the tartan. Historically, the tartan is what persons associate with their genealogy. And for years Dr. Smith has advised thousands of persons on questions relating to the tartan. His appearances at Highland Games throughout the country and his contributions to the tartan in general, both nationally and internationally, have been a great service to thousands of individuals who have shown and continue to show their interest in all things Scottish. "Philip Smith is Professor Emeritus of Languages and Linguistics at West Chester University in Pennsylvania and served for sev-

eral years as Dean of the University Center in Fukuoka, Japan. In his career he has taught Spanish, Portuguese, French, Japanese and Gaelic. He currently writes the 'Irish Language Column' for the Boston Irish Reporter. "Dr. Smith has been honored on numerous occasions. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (Scotland) and received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Perth, Scotland, from The Scotlish Tartans Authority

(he has designed more than one hundred and twenty tartans). He also received an award from the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations and was the recipient of the 2009 Scottish Heritage Center Service Award, given annually by St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. Dr. Smith received the rarely granted 'McNeal Award' from the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations. Dr. Smith's books include Tartan for Me!, now in its eighth edition, and a series of three full

color companion volumes: Abbotsford to...
Yukon.

"It is not by accident that the name Tartan Day was selected to signify April 6th as a day of observance. Dr. Smith has pursued and upheld the underlying principles for which Tartan Day came into existence and has continued as a day of prominence for Scots and their descendents around the world. Dr. Smith's talents, expertise and commitment have endured through the years to this day, and it is a pleasure to welcome him as the

recipient of the National Tartan Day Award for 2010." The National Tartan Day Award was created by The Scottish Coalition USA, an organization of nonprofit organizations serving the Scottish American community at the national level. Information is available at RMurdoch@rawle.com.

Dr. Smith is currently a resident of Cookeville, Tennessee.



Shackleton's whisky, *continued from page 5*

some might have broken.

Shackleton's epic expedition of 1907-1909 ultimately failed when the team ran short of supplies on their trek to the South Pole from Cape Royds. The fell about 100 miles (160 kilometres) short of their desgination.

The whisky and brandy that have just been re-

covered were abandoned when Shackleton left Cape Royds hurridly in 1909 as winter ice began forming in the sea.

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National Tartan Day Celebration, Alexandria, VA DC Area Tartan Day

April 9-11

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival, Gaithersburg, MD Sugarloaf Craft Festivals

April 10

Bridal Show Battlefield High School, Haymarket, VA BHS Orchestra Bridal Show

April 16-18

Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC Rural Hill Website

April 24

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, St. Leonard, MD

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May 1-2

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship, MD

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival Website

*May 8

Phoenixville Celtic Street Fair, Phoenixville, PA Phoenixville Celtic Street Fair

*May 15

Fair Hill Scottish Games, Fair Hill, MD Fair Hill Scottish Games Website

*May 28-31

Balticon Sci-Fi Convention, Hunt Valley, MD Balticon Website



*June 5
Bonnie Brae Scottish Games, Liberty Corner, NJ
Bonnie Brae Scottish Festival and Highland Games

*.June 12-13

Potomac Celtic Festival, Leesburg, VA NOTE, moved back to the OTHER side of the park Potomac Celtic Festival

It's fun to find new events!

Here is the schedule for the next few monthsof our friend, Rob Piland, of R.E. Piland Goldsmith

The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page is ready!

Glen Cathey has recently put up
The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page
and it is ready for you to join and participate.
You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at
Nethybridge. This is the link: http://www.facebook.com/
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Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games

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The 17th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games will be held April 16 – 18.

Annual favorites return along with exciting new offerings for 2010! With professional Scottish heavy athletic competition, amateur heavy athletics, piping and drumming, highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, harp and fiddle competitions, children's activities, demonstrations and our famous historic encampment, the weekend will be fun for the entire family.

Complete information and advance tickets are available online at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

Saturday evening finds the return of our wildly popular music concert as well as music throughout the weekend on two stages. Saturday and Sunday offer Scottish heavy athletics and a wide range of competitions that anyone can enter including children's field competitions. With an additional grandstand on the field, the views keep getting better and better. Also, "Amateur Class A" Heavy Athletic Competition will now be held on Saturday along with the Professional Competition.

Scottish Clan & Family Information will be available through the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) along

with the Scottish Tartan Museum. Also available will be genealogy information from Family Tree D.N.A.









We are proud to anounce our expanded "Kids Zone" including Flex Flying (photo above) and pony rides.

Celtic Rock Music in the front yard of the house (near the main parking lot and entrance to the games) will feature Albannach from Scotland and the local favorite Sterling Bridge on the stage throughout the day. For complete music listings, see pages 2& 3.

Whatever you love about the Festival and Games weekend, it will be there and more!



Shaw Collection at FSU Strozier Library, a legacy for us all...especially students of Robert Burns

We are fortunate, indeed, to have one of the finest collections of 18th through 20th Century litera-

ture right here, in Tallahassee, available to us - all because of our first St. Andrew Society President **John MacKay Shaw**.

Mr. Shaw, born in Scotland, came to Tallahassee in 1960 after retiring from AT&T as V.P., with his 5,000 volume collection. Housed in the **FSU Strozier Library's Special Collections Dept.** Shaw grew his collection to over 28,000 volumes until his retirement in 1980.

see cataloging and index-ing. The collection includes many first editions and unpublished manuscripts by

Wordsworth, Tennyson, Longfellow, Whitman, Frost, Lewis Carroll, and Charles and Mary Lamb.

According to **Bill**Modrow, of the Special Collections Department at the Florida
State University Library, and who
was the St. Andrews Society of
Tallahassee speaker at the March
9 covered dish supper, "...the
collection also includes many
anonymous works, prescrip-tive
literature and periodicals in-

tended to educate and uplift youth of the late 19th

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Bill Modrow of Strozier Library's "Special Col-lections" at March 9 Covered Dish Supper describing the Shaw Collection.

Work on the huge collection

is continued today by his daughter Cathmar Prange, who lives in Iowa but spends winters here in Tallahas-

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The Adventures of our friend David P. Elliot and his book, *Clan*

"Despite seeming like only yesterday, it is over a year since Beth ran a competition for her readers to win copies of my novel 'CLAN'.

It is truly frightening how time flies by, especially as one gets older. Nevertheless it has been a full and exciting year and as I sit here at my computer my book has sold in 11 countries and shows no sign of slowing down. I am not in the Dan Brown class yet – but who knows? - one day!



David P Elliot with Clan Chief Margaret Eliott

Certainly one of the highlights of the year was attending the Elliot Clan Gathering 2009 Newcastleton, Scotland. Margaret Eliott our wonderful Clan Chief endorsed the book and I am sure her anecdote about her father and his friends who tried to stay overnight in

Hermitage Castle, where the book is set, but were driven out by 10.00 pm – really helped sales.

Of course, it was perfect timing because I was able to go straight on from book signings at Redheugh the Elliot Clan HQ, to Edinburgh for the truly remarkable Gathering of the Clans, where I met so many like minded people all sharing the kinship of a common ancestry.

Of course there has been a certain amount of controversy around the Gathering and I have expressed my views both on the Panalba Web Site www.panalba.com and in my online magazine www.clanmagazine.com of which, more later. Whatever the problems, it was a truly moving event and I hope there will be another.

Another new experience was reading 'CLAN' for the audio book version. Originally a professional "voice talent" was to be hired, but I was finally persuaded that I should actually read it myself. This is a scary prospect, as, those of



you who have listened to *In the sound booth* yourself recorded will know, you never sound to yourself like you sound to others, so you really need to be reassured by others comments and trust them.

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The Clan McDuffee Clan Society has a new website! www.mcduffeeclansociety.org

Anyway, after 5 days locked away in a sound-proof booth, emerging with a very sore throat, the audio book was completed and was launched at a very special event on the 20th November 2009 at the beautiful Fallowfields Country Hotel with a fantastic guest speaker, a truly remarkable Scot, Peter Haining MBE, 3 times World single sculls Champion and I am proud to say a great fan of the book. You can see a video of one of Peter's remarkable performances and photos from the event in the 'CLAN' Magazine.

So, now 'CLAN' is available in paperback, on CD (an 8 CD set unabridged reading with a run time of 540 me-book format for a range of digital readers. Also available as a download for MP3 or iPod.



Peter Haining MBE, David & Guy Browning

Quite a journey in one year!

Turning now to the 'CLAN' online magazine; a year or so back I was asked by a local magazine to contribute a regular monthly article which went under the heading of "Grumpy Old Man".

This was a wonderfully cathartic experience as I got the opportunity to "Grump" about anything and everything in life that annoys me, from Hot air hand dryers in public toilets to MP's expenses, from so-called "traffic calming" systems to inconsiderate cyclists.

What I didn't realise until the magazine went out of business (nothing to do with my articles I hasten to add!), was that readers of my book were logging on from all over the World to read these articles online!

I began to get emails from people asking where they would be able to continue to read these articles.

I therefore started 'CLAN' Magazine firstly as a vehicle for these articles, but also to keep people up to date with the latest developments with my writing.

Since it started in December 2009 it has grown to include other sections covering disparate issues such as alternative health, Scottish Matters, politics, fun & games and other sections.

We now have a few contributors and we are looking for more, so if you have something to say, provided it is legal, decent and honest (controversial is fine) – let me know.

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I hope you will enjoy the magazine and subscribe soon.

One very exciting prospect that has been suggested is the possibility of visiting some of the Highland Games and Gatherings in the USA and Canada. More than one reader has proposed this, suggesting I could perhaps give a talk and sign some copies of my book. Of course, this would be wonderful and I would leap at the chance, but of course the logistics and cost of such an exercise is tricky to say the least. But who knows?

I hope to hear from my friends and kin soon, you can reach me via the 'CLAN' Magazine or via my web site at www.davidpelliot.com

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Strozier Library, *continued from page 13* — Century".

For parents and grandparents the Children's Section includes origi-nals of A.A. Milnes *Winnie the Pooh* and J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*. Mr. Shaw was also a friend of Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss). As a result, there are books, original draw-ings and correspondence with Geisel.

It also includes the thousands of volumes of Shaw's "Scottish Collection" which relate to the Highlands and the Western Iles.

Over the years, the SAS, and many individual SAS members, have do-nated willingly to the Shaw Collection. But there is still work to be done.

In addition to the volumes, there are photographs, paintings, notes and correspondence which must be catalogued and indexed. "There is a need," says Mrs. Prange, "for a full or part-time grad student to continue the effort. Unfortunately, with the state cutbacks that's not possible right now."

By all standards, this collection is exceptional and impressive. It's continued support is an area our society may wish to discuss further in the coming months.

At the end of his presentation, Mr. Modrow thanked the society and welcomed members to come to Strozier and visit this great collection.

Saint Andrew Society President, Dan MacDonald, Jean Holzapfel, Jim Urquhart, and I had the great good fortune to be given a tour of the "Shaw Collection" at FSU's Strozier Library last week. It was an even greater treat to be given this tour by Cathmar Prange (rhymes with "rang"), John Shaw's daughter.

Perhaps the volume that got my greatest attention on the visit was the Kilmarnock First Edition of Robert Burns' *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*. Not only was it a *First Edition*, it was also written in, signed and handled by Robert Burns himself.

Parking for Strozier can be trying, and it's best to go on Fridays or when students are on break or summer, but it is well worth the trouble. You might wish to email Bill Modrow < wmodrow@mailer.fsu.edu>

If you are a parent or a grand parent, where can you go to show your young ones, not simply Dr. Seuss' books, but the first ones and even drawings of his characters done in his own hand and hand-written notes to Mr. Shaw? There are also first editions of A.A. Milnes' *Winnie the Pooh* and J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*.



Rich and Rita Shader, who produce Celtic Seasons, lived in Scotland back in the 1980s. Their love for anything Scottish and/or Celtic is based on what they experienced living in the little village called Aberlemno. This little story is just one gem coming out of that village.

Hidden away in the quiet hamlet of Netherton of Melgund, in the Angus parish of Aberlemno, lies a ruined cottage.

Surrounded by green fields, overlooked by gently swaying trees and engulfed in silence, this cottage plays a very important part in the story of one of the world's greatest motorcycle companies.

In the mid-nineteenth century, this cottage was home to a large and lively family - the Davidsons. The father of the family, Alexander "Sandy" Davidson, was a millwright and spent his days working in the now demolished smithy next door to the cottage, making wheels for the neighboring farms.

In those days, Angus was very much an agricultural area and there was no shortage of work for a man as skilled as Sandy Davidson, who, according to the census of 1851, had to employ two laborers to cope with demand.

In spite of all the work, that year, Sandy and his wife, Margaret, packed their bags and, with their six surviving children, sailed to a new life in America, leaving their cottage in the Angus countryside behind forever.

The Davidson family settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The children grew up and one by one, married and left home. The second youngest son, Will-

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Where's the loo?

When Queen Victoria inherited Buckingham Palace in 1837 it did not have even one bathroom.

Her predecessors, the Georgian roys, believed it was "sweat, damn it, that kept a man clean."

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Harley-Davidson, continued from page 17

iam C. Davidson, and his wife, who was also called Margaret, had six children - two daughters and four sons.

Their youngest son, Arthur, was born 30 years after his grandparents left Scotland and he appears to have inherited his grandfather's engineering skills. Throughout his childhood, one of Arthur's best friends was William S. Harley. When the boys were 21, William designed an engine that could be used in a bicycle frame.

Arthur offered to help build the frame and as work progressed, the two friends enlisted the help of another friend, Henry, who had a shed in his back yard - as well as Arthur's big brother, Walter.

Within a couple of years, the very first Harley-Davidson motorbike made its appearance on the streets of Milwaukee - and the rest is history.

Today, over 100 years since Harley-Davidson was simply a name scratched on the door of a garden shed, Willie G. Davidson, Arthur's great-nephew and Sandy Davidson's great-great grandson, is the Senior Vice Chairman of Harley Davidson. The legacy of an Angus craftsman lives on in a name renowned all over the world for skill, craftsmanship and speed - qualities for which Sandy Davidson's wheels were no doubt just as famous.

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Your editor is in the middle of Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol, so when Library of Congress came up in the putting-together of this publication, I thought I'd add a few extra pictures. I've been there - and simply have to go back again.

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TECA is no more

The Tartan Educational and Cultural Association is no more. The Council of Officers decided last October to present a motion to the Annual General Meeting of TECA to cease activities and pass the torch to the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations.

TECA had a long and varied history. It began with a directive from the now defunct Scottish Tartan Society to form an American Branch. This was accomplished under the name "Tartan Educational and Cultural Association" with William H. "Bill" Johnston as its first President. The Scottish Tartan Society then reversed itself and told the American Branch to disband. At a meeting in Baltimore TECA leaders declined to disband and began to act independently. Over the years TECA supplied "Tartan Information Tents" at a number of Scottish venues from New Hampshire to California and from Washington to Florida. Presidents after "Bill" Johnston included Dr. Phil Smith, "Chuck" Bearman, and John C. Abbott.

In the 1990's TECA was instrumental in the founding of the Scottish Tartans Authority and the President became a Governor of that group. A formal amalgamation was later effected under the leadership of President

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name." It became clear to the local leadership that TECA could not keep up its commitments to represent "tartanology" at the many venues it had due to the costs involved. Therefore the decision was reached to dissolve and turn over its assets to the Council of Scottish Clans. COSCA has pledged to continue the work of giving out accurate tartan information at the many venues that it attends.



Chuck & Alta Bearman laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors

Leonard "Chuck" Bearman and Alta, his wife of many years, were both laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors the first week of March. Both were very active in Scottish affairs. "Chuck" was a founder of the Clan Wallace Society and Past President of The Tartan Educational and Cultural Association. Alta was very active in Clan Mackintosh, on a "First Name" basis with the Chief, and as a member of the Creek Native American Nation.

"Chuck" and Alta met while both in the service in Vienna, Austria, after World War II. "Chuck" served in the Army and Alta was in the Navy. They will both be missed by their many friends. Following his service "Chuck" spent many years as a Civil Engineer with the U. S. Government.

The Rural Hill Kilted Clay Shoot set for April 10, 2010 in Waxhaw, NC

The Rural Hill Kilted Clay Shoot, presented by the Catawba Valley Scottish Society and the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce to benefit the Major Davidson Clock Fund and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Mecklenburg County will be held on April 10, 2010 at the Meadow Wood Farm, Waxhaw.

Registration is at 8 AM with the event to start at 9 AM. Space is limited to 24 teams.

Information you need to know: • Four shooters per team., • Clays, shells, breakfast, and lunch provided to registered shooters., • Awards go to highest

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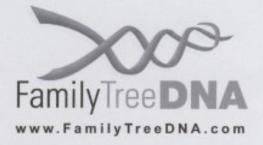
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You're invited for Tartan Day Celebrations here & there and most everywhere...

The Scottish Studies Society invites you and your friends and family to a very special Tartan Day Celebration on Friday April 16, 2010. Reservations can be made at http://www.scottishstudies.com or phone 416-699-9942. Cost is \$80 per guest.

The venue for this year's event will be Toronto's prestigious Granite Club and we invite you to an evening of fine food, music and dance — all with a Scots-Canadian flavour.

During the evening we will be presenting our annual "Scot of the Year Award" which was initiated in 1993 to honour individuals who have achieved distinction through their contribution to Canadian society or the international community at large.

This year's recipient will be Richard Wernham B.A. LL.B in recognition of his role in supporting cultural and educational activities in Canada.

The dress code for the evening will be business formal. However, as it is a Scottish event with an emphasis on tartan, we are looking for as much innovation as possible. This is your chance to dress up for one of the most sophisticated events in the Scots-Canadian calendar.

We do hope you will be able to join us for this memorable evening, the proceeds of which will go to support the Scottish Studies Foundation in the funding of the Chair of Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph, the acquisition of significant materials for their

library and bursaries for Canadian students studying in Scotland. We are hoping that 2010 will mark the year in which the balance of the Foundation's pledge of \$1 million to the University of Guelph will be completed. This key pledge was instrumental in the establishment of a permanent Chair in Scottish Studies — a first in North America.

Our good friend, Alastair McIntyre, says, "I look forward to seeing you at the event."

Clan Currie to Open NY Tartan Week on Ellis Island

Tartan Week in New York opens with a family-friendly Scottish festival featuring a new exhibition in the Peopling of America Gallery which runs from Friday, April 2 through Sunday, April 4. On Saturday, April 3, Ellis Island will come alive with the sights and sounds of pipers, drummers, singers and dancers who represent Scotland's "portable culture" that were brought to this country by Scottish immigrants. Saturday's performances will run from 10AM to 4PM.

Saturday performers include the Rampant Lion Pipe Band, the New York Celtic Dancers, and John Grimaldi - the Kilted Juggler. The ninth annual observance of Tartan Day on Ellis Island event will open NY Tartan Week – a nine-day festival of all things Scottish, including Sir Sean Connery's Dressed to

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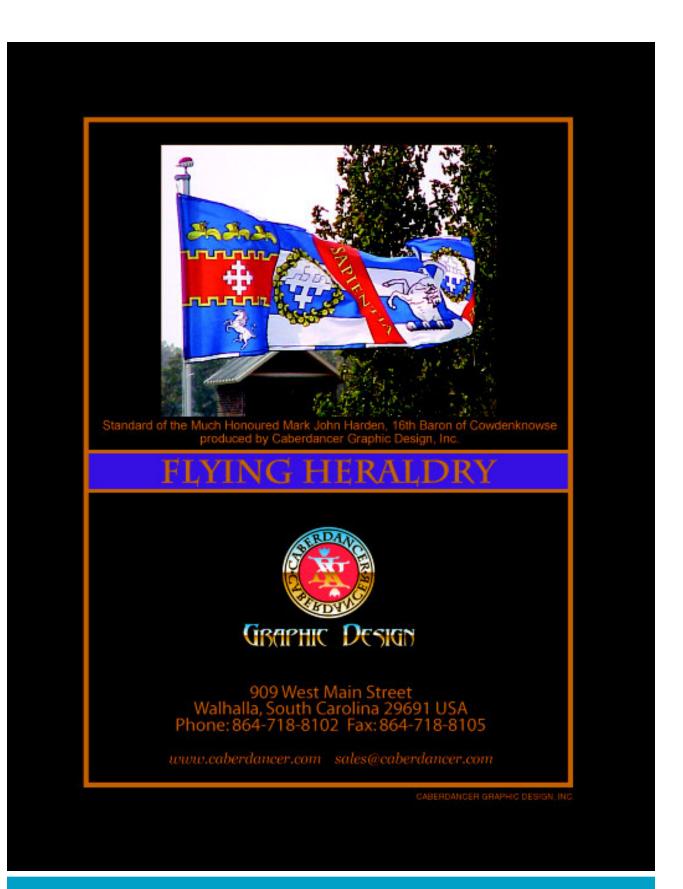
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Tartan Day Celebrations, continued from page 23 -

Kilt Fashion show, Whisky Live! and the NY Tartan Day Parade.

Ellis Island is a fitting place to observe Tartan Day. The island and its historic buildings represent America's "Golden Door." From 1892 to 1954, more than 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island. Although many Scots arrived during the colonial period of our history – helping to build the new nation - an additional half-million Scots came through Ellis Island. It has been estimated that 40% of Americans today can trace at least one ancestor's entry into the United States through Ellis Island.

For further information, visit http://www.tartandayonellisisland.com. There is no admission charge to the Tartan Day events or the immigration museum. Passenger ferries run from Battery Park in New York City and Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey. For complete ferry schedules to Ellis Island, visit: http://www.statuecruises.com.

Tartan Day on Ellis Island

Tartan Day on Ellis Island is one of the principal Scottish heritage events in the United States. Describing the program, noted Scottish journalist and author Roddy Martine reported that of all the Tartan Day events held in the United States, the Ellis Island observance has, "stood out as a beacon of what USA Tartan Day is all about: the emigrant ancestors of ordinary Americans who over three centuries crossed the Atlantic Ocean to create the world's greatest democracy."

The Clan Currie Society began its successful collaboration with the Ellis Island Immigration Museum in 2002 in the coordination and sponsorship of their first Tartan Day celebration. Clan Currie and the National Museums of Scotland joined forces to host the traveling exhibit, "Home and Away: Highland Departures and Returns."

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Shooting Clays, continued from page 21 scoring teams, and individual winners of team challenges. • 12 sites, plus one "flurry" shoot. • Extra point awarded to each shooter in a kilt, 1 extra point for an entire kilted team. • Warm-ups available for \$15 per shooter, or \$40 per team.

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We sign lots of our letters "Without wax." Yes, we do!

I ran across a fascinating paragraph beginning on page 355 of Dan Brown's new best-seller, *The Lost Symbol*. Friends of mine know how I adore to find out little - sort of useless - bits of information! So, I am tickled.

Here is the paragraph: (Mr. Brown, hopefully lots of my readers will rush out and buy your wonderful book as all of it is fascinating - not just this little bit!) "Since the days of Michelangelo, sculptors had

been hiding the flaws in their work by smearing hot wax into the cracks and then dabbing the wax with stone dust. The method was considered cheating, and therefore, any sculpture "without wax" - literally *sine cera* - was considered a "sincere" piece of art. The phrase stuck. To this day, we still sign our letters "sincerely" as a promise that we have written "without wax" and that our words are true."

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Here is the proof.



After much thought on what might have caused this lapse in judgment this fateful night, I came to the conclusion that apparently the exhaustion from a full day of skiing had impaired my mental processes. Af-

ter this, I gave up snow skiing for good, and it seems to have worked out. Unfortunately the lack of a wetsuit coupled with the extreme cold caused a permanent physical impairment that has plagued me since

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